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DROUGHT PRONE AREAS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified drought prone districts in the country for implementation of Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) due to drought situation prevailing there during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the present status and break-up of funds released thereunder for those drought prone districts in each State particularly Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (c). No, Sir. However, a High Level Technical Committee constituted in 1993 under the Chairmanship of Dr. C.H. Hanumantha Rao identified 947 blocks of 155 districts in 13 states for coverage under DPAP. With the bifurncation of several programme States, districts and blocks, the programme at present is in operation in 972 Blocks of 185 districts in 16 states. The state- wise details are given in Annexure -I. Under the DPAP Programme, the Central Share of Rs.1011.97 crore has been released to programme states during the last three years.. State-wise & year-wise details of funds released is given in Annexure II.